The regular meeting of the University Assembly for the academic year 2009-2010 was held February 16, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in the University Room (BB 2.06.04) with Sandy Norman, Secretary of The General Faculty, presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Alberto Arroyo, Matt DeLeon, Mansour El-Kikhia, Thomas Forsthuber, John Frederick, Marjie French (Laura Murray), Robert Garza, Dan Gelo, Krisellen Maloney, John McCray, Patricia Morehead, Sandy Norman, Harrison Pierce, Ricardo Romo, Shirley Rowe, Alan Shoho, Anne Macintosh Speights, Jude Valdez, Suzette Vallejo, Deanna White, Venetta Williams

Absent: Robert Gracy (excused), Kerry Kennedy, Goutham Menon (excused), Gage Paine (excused), Anne Reamy, Irina Solovyova (excused)

Guests: Ashley Diaz

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

II. Reports

A. Secretary – Dr. Sandy Norman

Dr. Sandy Norman gave a brief update on SACS Accreditation.

B. Chair of the Faculty Senate – Dr. Mansour El-Kikhia

Dr. Mansour El-Kikhia reported on the Faculty Senate. He made an announcement on the electronic process of the student evaluations. He also questioned whether a merger of UTSA and UTHSC was a smart move?

C. President- Dr. Ricardo Romo

President Romo announced that SACS will be on campus March 23rd-25th. Everyone needs to be aware and informed of the QEP. He also gave an update on Parking and Traffic. The new parking garage structure is going up on surface lot 4 between the Main building and Business building. President Romo stated that this structure will be a $30 million dollar project.
President Romo reported on the multi-function building that is expected to be completed by 2011. The building is approximately 68,000 square feet and 49,000 square feet of the space will be used for offices. There will be about 40 offices provided for library staff.

President Romo also reported on student housing for fall 2013. The new student housing project is expected to have 470 beds, although the university was hoping for 600 beds.

President Romo stated that in 20 years it is most likely that University Oaks will be demolished and restaurants and stores will occupy this space.

President Romo reported on Tier 1. In order to qualify to become a Tier 1 institution there must be a $40 million dollar endowment.

D. Chair of the Staff Council- Robert Garza

Mr. Robert Garza gave a brief report on Staff Council.

E. Student Government President – Mr. Matt DeLeon

Mr. DeLeon gave a brief report on the parking issues with apartment complexes not abiding the agreements made with shuttle services. Students are being lied to by the apartment complexes and turning around and putting UTSA at fault. Apartment complexes are subject to pay a 10K due up front in order to continue using the shuttle services.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was none.

V. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

VI. Open forum

Dr. Frederick reported on the budget reduction and provided a draft of the budget cut. There is approximately $9.8 million dollars in reduction. There was an announcement that UT System would cover part of UTSA’s 5% reduction, if needed. If a budget cut is in place, there may be no merit for faculty and staff.

Dr. Frederick announced that UTSA is in the process of meeting the requirements of HB 2504.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.